

SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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SECTION 6500 ET SEQ.*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: June 5, 2008

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the exchange of easements with Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power in Whitney Canyon Park, in order to correct alignment with the Los Angeles Aqueduct

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the exchange of easements with Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power in Whitney Canyon Park, in order to correct alignment with the Los Angeles Aqueduct.

Background: At its December 6, 2008 meeting, the Governing Board meeting held discussion with staff on an agenda item related to Los Angeles City of Department of Water and Power (DWP) requests for easements and fee simple ownership related to the Los Angeles Aqueduct. The majority of those DWP requests related to adjacent land owned by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) in Elsmere Canyon.

The attached letter dated October 19, 2007 from DWP addresses three requests. Only item number one applies to SCWRCA property. A portion of the DWP's 40-foot-wide easement does not exactly track the location of the actual aqueduct. The attached DWP map B5137 shows the location where the DWP would like to move its existing easement and where it would quit claim easement back to SCWRCA. The easement exchange would constitute 0.16 acres to be acquired and transferred by SCWRCA.

The action would clean up a real estate error, involve nominal land, involve no potential impacts to the environment, and for all intents and purposes represents a like transfer of equivalent value.